Doubtful Loans of Nationalised Banks

1688. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the bad loans (doubtful) the nationalised banks are having for the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) how much of these bed loans are accounted for by the top 15 business houses, details for the years 1994-95, 1995-96; and

(c) what steps are being taken, measures evolved, detailed guidelines given to these banks for recovery of these loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) of the nationalised banks for the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 were as under:

Year	NPAs (Rs. in crores)
1993-94	27064.38
1994-95	25114.50
1995-96	26464.04

(b) RBI's data monitoring system does not generate information big business house-wise. However, there are 111 big borrowers having an outstanding of more than Rs. 100 crores as on 31.3.1996.

(c) RBI/Government have taken the following measures/issued the guidelines for recovery of NPAs as under:

(i) the banks should formulate a loan recovery policy with the approval of the Board of Directors of the bank.

(ii) the banks should set up 'Recovery Cells' at Head Office, and monitor recovery of NPAs closely.

(iii) the banks may enter into compromise/negotiated settlements on the merits of each case subject to various safeguards prescribed by RBI and ensure maximum recovery at minimum expenses.

(iv) debt recovery tribunals have been set up in Calcutta, Delhi, Bangalore, Ahmedabad, Chennai, Guwahati, Patna and Jaipur and an Appellate Tribunal in Mumbai to help banks in recovery of NPAs.

Annual Insurance Premium charged on various vehicles

1689. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the annual insurance premium charged on various types of vehicles;

(b) whether there has been manifold increase in this during the last few years;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) how does this compare with developed countries like U.K., USA, Australia etc.;

(e) whether Government are considering measures to reduce the premium;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) The existing premium structure for various types of vehicles is given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) No, Sir. There has been no revision in the premium structure since 1.4.1990.

(d) U.K., U.S.A. and Australia do not have tariff premia and individual insurance companies quote premium terms depending upon various factors. Therefore, it is not appropriate to draw a comparison with the premium rates prevailing in these countries.

(e) to (g) Premiums in respect of motor